

**STATE WORKFORCE INNOVATION COUNCIL (SWIC)  
EDUCATIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (ERC)**

February 20, 2014

8:30 – 9:45 a.m.

Indiana Government Center South

Conference Room 4

Indianapolis, IN

**Present:** Dan Clark, Leroy Jackson, Rebecca Nickoli

**Telephone:** Derek Redelman

**Absent:** Tim Skinner, Dennis Rohrs

Also present from the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD):  
Marie Mackintosh, Monica Markovich, Brenda Johnson, Amanda Brewer, Melissa Wafford,  
Cheryl Jones, and Donna Lovelady.

At 8:40 a.m., the meeting was called to order by Dan Clark. (A quorum was not yet present.)

**Adult Education (AE) and English Literacy/Civics (ELC) Grant Continuations**

Monica Markovich presented an overview of the grant continuations\*. She explained the funding formulas\* for both grants, including the professional development for each, stating that funding is based on need and performance. Providers that declined in enrollment and/or did not achieve performance goals may see a reduction in funding for the upcoming program year.

**ABE Professional Development Update**

The DWD staff will release the Professional Development provider grant for competition before the next committee meeting. The Professional Development request for proposal will focus on new teacher standards and training, along with curriculum development and implementation.

**High School Equivalency (HSE) Assessment News**

Marie Mackintosh reported that the new HSE assessment test is becoming more familiar; some testing has occurred; and contracts between local test sites and CTB/McGraw-Hill are almost completed. CTB/McGraw-Hill has assured us that they will be able to align the HSE assessment to whatever standards Indiana adopts for kindergarten through twelfth grade.

(Derek Redelman joined the meeting via telephone at 9:24 a.m. A quorum was now available for voting.)

Rebecca Nickoli moved that the minutes from the December, 2013 meeting be accepted; Leroy Jackson seconded the motion. All approved the motion and it was carried.

The December, 2013 meeting minutes\* were reviewed. Mr. Redelman moved to accept the minutes; Rebecca Nickoli seconded the motion. All approved and the motion was carried.

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**INTraining Update**

Melissa Wafford presented an appeal\* submitted by Got the Lead Out, LLC. The provider's program, *Renovator—Initial English*, was denied because: they did not complete the data waiver properly; they did not provide a training location; and, they did not provide proof of accreditation.

There is no record that this provider has offered training to anyone.

The committee had some discussion. Leroy Jackson moved to accept the staff recommendation to deny the appeal; Rebecca Nickoli seconded the motion. All approved and the motion was carried.

The INTraining Program Monthly Activity Report\* was submitted to the committee members.

**WorkINDiana Update**

Brenda Johnson presented information on a WorkINDiana training program. The DWD staff recommended denial of the "Dental Office Training by Lynn"\* for WorkINDiana students due to:

- Tuition costs—extremely high compared to similar programs in the area/state
- Maximum of \$4,500 annually for Individual Training Accounts, according to DWD Customer Flow Policy

Ms. Johnson emphasized that the denial recommendation was based solely on cost and did not reflect on the quality of the training program.

It was noted during the discussion that there are ten other similar programs in this same area.

Rebecca Nickoli moved to accept the staff recommendation to deny approval of "Dental Office Training by Lynn" based on widespread availability of other programs in the region and the high cost of tuition for this program. Leroy Jackson seconded the motion. All approved and the motion was carried.

The WorkINDiana Stats by Region (January 31, 2014)\* were submitted to the committee members.

No public comments were made.

The meeting was adjourned by 9:41 a.m.

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